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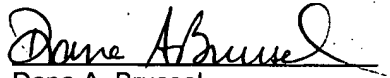
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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